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ROLL CALL



Sonic the Hedgehog

The Blue Blur.

Fastest Thing Alive.



Espio the Chameleon

Ninja spy.

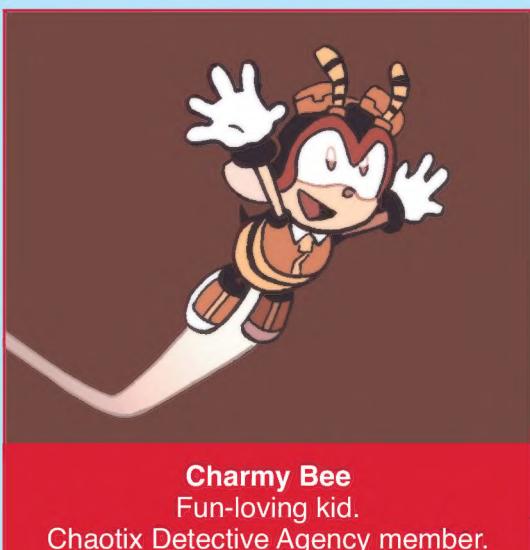
Chaotix Detective Agency member.



Vector the Crocodile

The Rock Croc.

Chaotix Detective Agency leader.



Charmy Bee

Fun-loving kid.

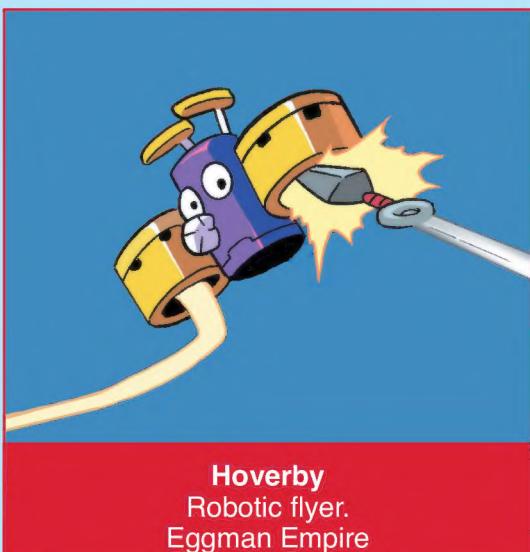
Chaotix Detective Agency member.



Antons

Badnik unicycle.

Eggman Empire.



Hoverby

Robotic flyer.

Eggman Empire



SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE

CAREFUL—
ON YOUR
RIGHT!

LEFT,
RIGHT—
EVERWHERE!
THEY HAVE US
SURROUNDED!

ESPIO
THE CHAMELEON
NINJA SPY FOR THE CHAOTIX

MEH,
WE'VE HANDLED
MORE THAN THIS
BEFORE. JUST
GOTTA GET INTO
THE SWING OF
THINGS!

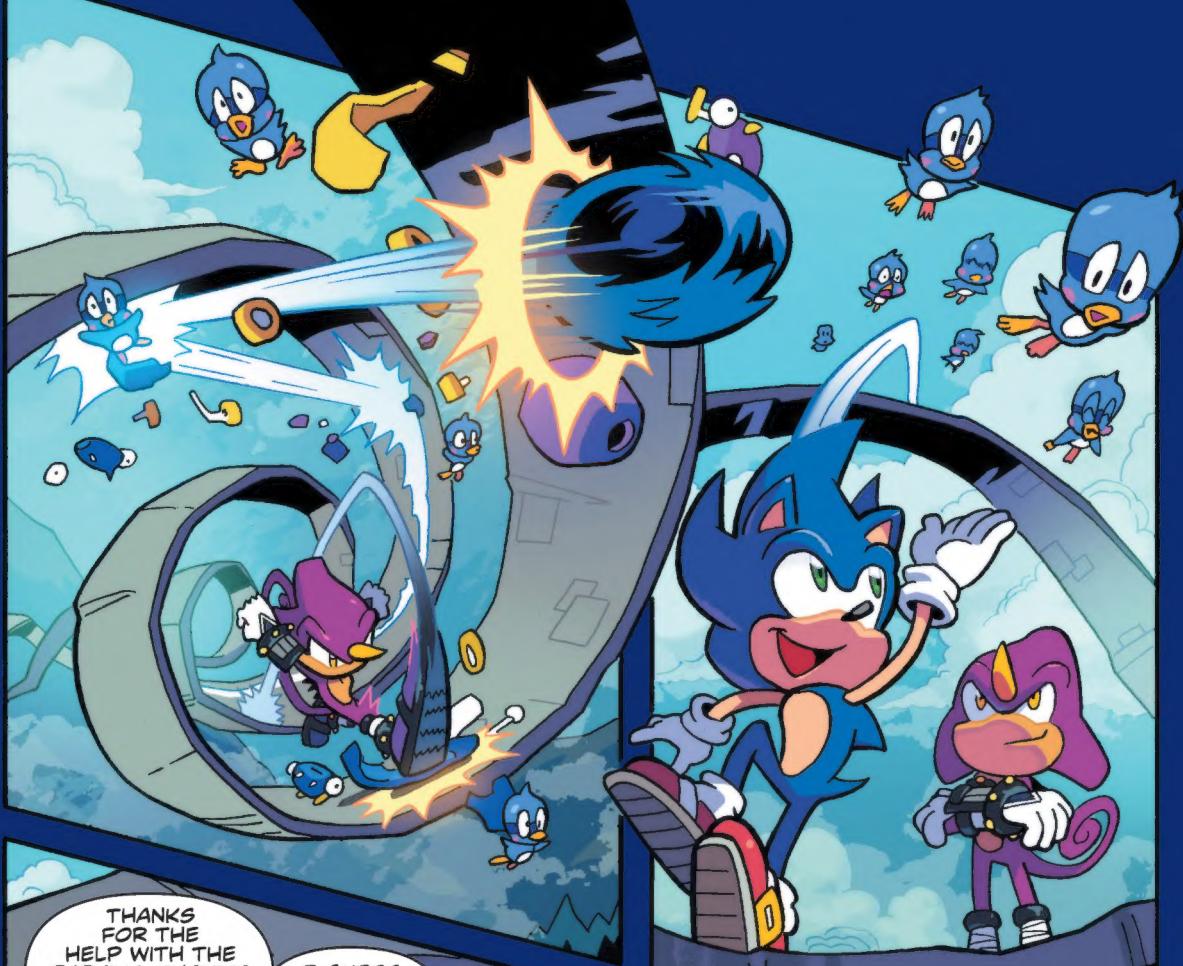
ROGER
THAT!



HAVE
YOU AND
THE CHAOTIX
TRACKED DOWN
EGGMAN
YET?

WE-
HOLD ON,
INCOMING.





THANKS FOR THE HELP WITH THE BADNIKS. THEY'VE BEEN GETTING MORE ORGANIZED LATELY.

I GUESS EGGMAN IS GEARING UP FOR SOMETHING BIG AGAIN.

ACTUALLY, I DON'T BELIEVE THE DOCTOR IS BEHIND THIS.

OH? SO YOU GUYS HAVE A LEAD?

BETTER THAN THAT. WE BEGAN OUR SEARCH IN THE RUINS OF IMPERIAL CITY...

“...AND FOUND
NOTHING BUT
WRECKAGE.



CUBOT
DUMB-BOT

“SO WE TRIED HIS
LAST KNOWN LAB.
ORBOT AND CUBOT
WERE COOPERATIVE,
BUT KNEW NOTHING.

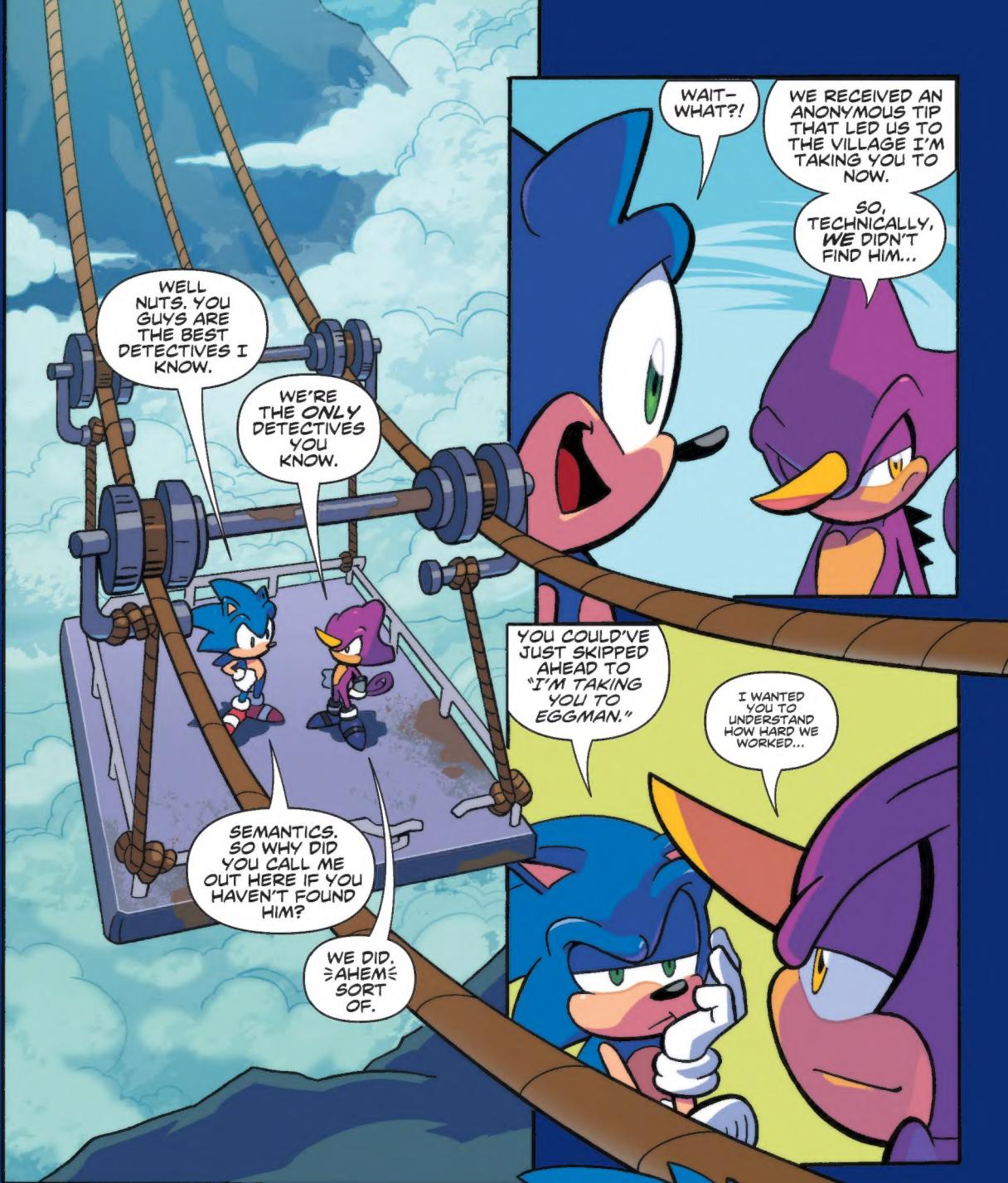
ORBOT
LAZY LACKEY

“EGGMAN’S
COMPUTER SYSTEM
SHOWED NO ESCAPE
PLANS OR
PERSONAL TRAFFIC.
HE SEEMED CERTAIN
HE'D WIN OUR LAST
ENCOUNTER.



“SEARCHING HIS
OTHER BASES
TURNED UP
NOTHING BUT
TROUBLE.”





WHAT GIVES? EVERYTHING LOOKS FINE HERE.

CHARMY

CHARMY BEE

YOUNG PRANKSTER
OF THE CHAOTIX

SONIC! YOU MADE IT!

HEY LITTLE BUDDY, IS EVERYTHING OKAY?

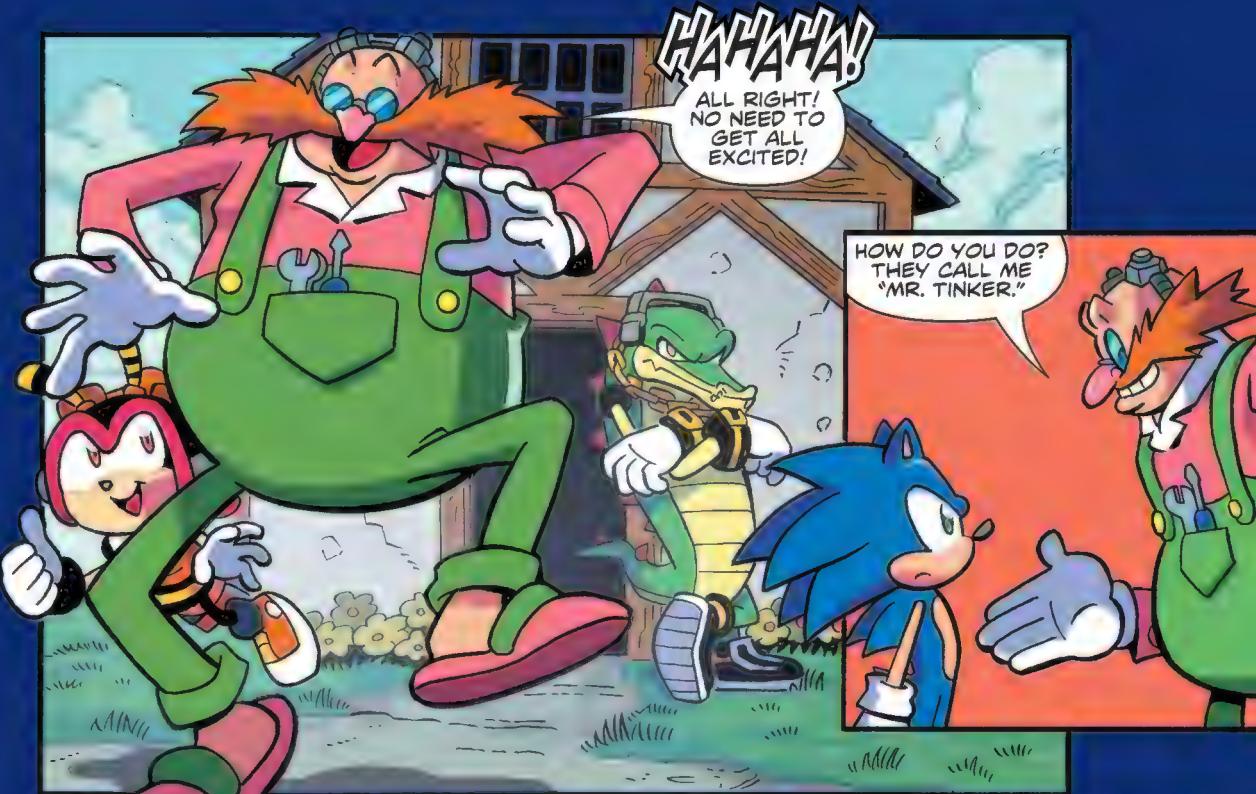
OH YEAH! THIS PLACE IS GREAT! THERE'S LOTS OF KIDS MY AGE! AND TONS OF MOUNTAIN FLOWERS! AND THEY HAVE THE BEST HONEY TARTS EVER!

THAT'S COOL, BUT WHAT ABOUT -Y'KNOW- "THE BIG GUY?"

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU HAVEN'T MET HIM YET! HOLD ON- WE'LL GET HIM!

C'MON! C'MON!

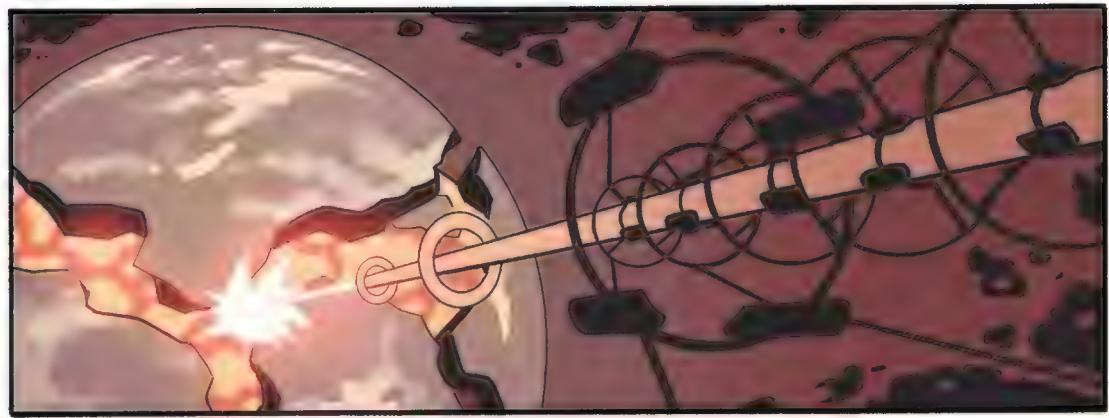






YEAH,
BUT...HE CAN
BE EXTREMELY
DANGEROUS.

NEVERMIND
THE CLOSE CALLS
I'VE HAD WHILE
FIGHTING HIM. HE CAN
THREATEN WHOLE
PLANETS AT A
TIME...







YES,
BUT IN THIS
CASE, I WOULD
DEFER TO THE
JUDGMENT OF
A FAMOUS
HERO.

BEFORE
YOU MAKE
YOUR DECISION,
PLEASE
CONSIDER
THIS...

...THAT
MAN APPEARED
IN OUR VILLAGE
ONE DAY WITHOUT
WARNING. WE'RE
STILL NOT
SURE HOW HE
ARRIVED.

WE LOCKED
HIM UP IMMEDIATELY.
BUT THE NEXT DAY
WE FOUND HE'D
BROKEN OUT—JUST
TO REINFORCE HIS
OWN CELL.



I DID
WHAT I COULD
FOR THE HINGES,
BUT YOU'LL NEED
AN ENTIRELY NEW
DEADBOLT.



"JUST LIKE THE
CHAOTIX, WE
QUESTIONED AND
TESTED HIM FOR
DAYS. NEVER ONCE
DID HE SHOW SIGNS
OF HIS OLD,
VILLAINOUS WAYS.



"ONCE WE
REALIZED HE
WASN'T—WELL,
HIMSELF—WE
NURSED HIS
WOUNDS AND
TOOK HIM IN."



"IN RETURN, HE REPARED ANYTHING WE BROUGHT HIM, FROM THE SMALLEST, MOST DELICATE WORK..."



"...TO THE LARGEST, MOST GRUELING EFFORTS."



I KNOW DR. EGGMAN IS A TERRIBLE MAN. I'VE HEARD STORIES OF HORRORS I CAN HARDLY IMAGINE.

BUT MR. TINKER HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO OUR VILLAGE. I KNOW THAT HE CANNOT UNDO THE EVIL HE'S DONE...



"...BUT I'D RATHER HE REMAIN FREE TO DO SOME GOOD THAN ROT IN A CELL AND DO NOTHING."









THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM. SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY PUNY RESCUE FORCE.

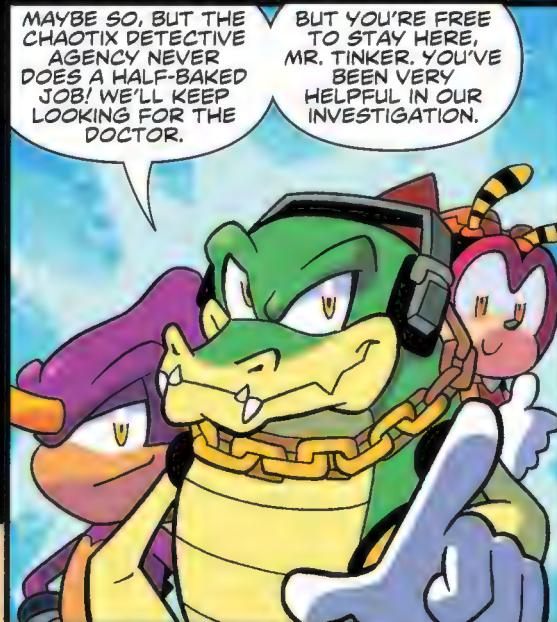
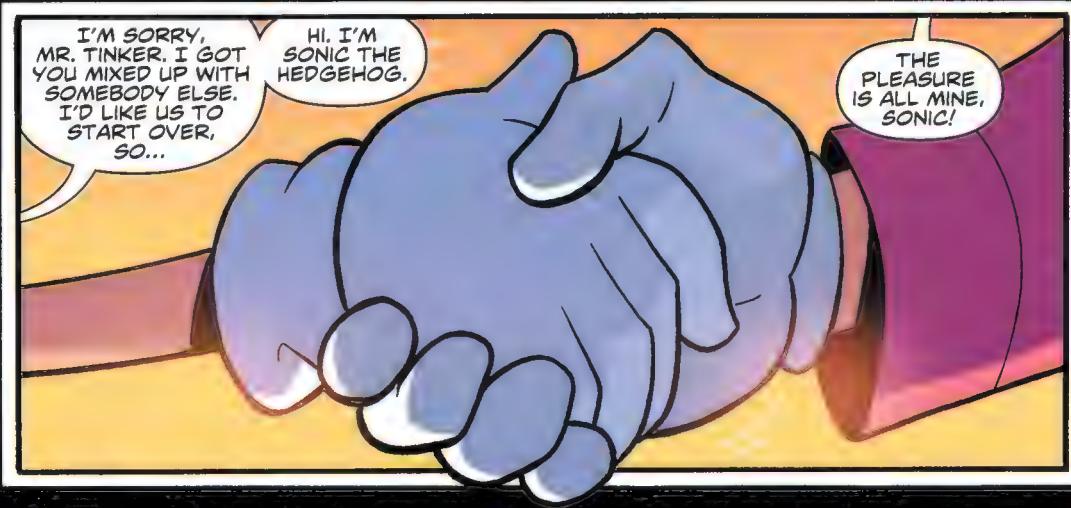
IT WASN'T A RESCUE FORCE. EGGMAN WAS TERRIFIED OF HIS OWN ROBOTS.

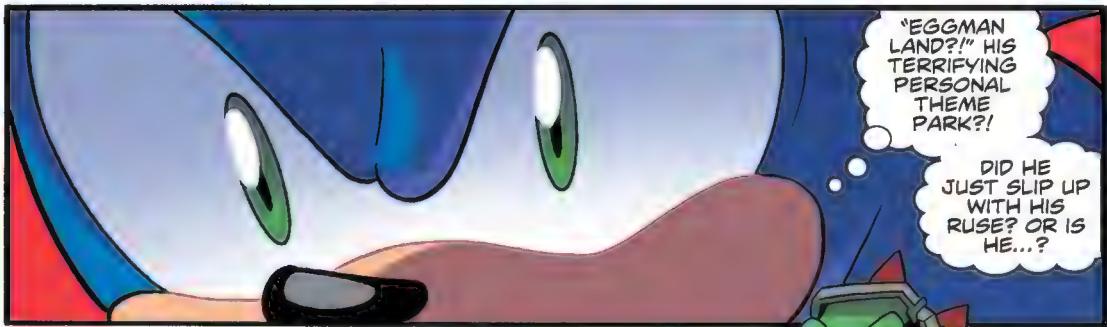
YEAH! I TOLJA MR. TINKER WAS A GOOD GUY!

THEN HE TRULY IS A NEW MAN. WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?

OH, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.









I'LL
DESTROY
YOU
FIRST.

NEXT TIME:
SONIC
VS.
SHADOW



SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Sonic fans!
Thanks for sticking with us as we've moved to monthly releases! And just because we aren't weekly doesn't mean the action's slowing down—as you just saw! We're not entirely sure who this Mr. Tinker guy is, but he seems nice—even if Shadow doesn't think so!

Thanks to Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley!, Jim Amash, Matt Herms, and Corey Breen for a wonderful first part of "The Fate of Dr. Eggman" and we can't wait to see what they do in part 2!

Now here's what you came here for: your art, cosplays, and letters! Starting with a more serious one from the U.K.

Greetings from Blighty, and congratulations on the successful launch of a long-overdue brand-new Hedgehog-based sequential art periodical!

As long-term fans of the UK's "Sonic the Comic" dedicated/insane enough to launch an online continuation that's in its fifteenth year as I write this, we couldn't be happier to see Sonic's spiky mug back on comic store shelves where it belongs.

Raucous cheering aside, I'm afraid there is a rather sad reason for my writing.

We recently lost a long-time friend and fan in a truly callous, horrific and out-of-nowhere accident. A chap named Matt Dittmer, a truly lovely, altruistic and kind-hearted bloke about whom nobody had a bad word to say. In fact, the last time he and I spoke was about our mutual excitement for IDW's upcoming Sonic title.

While he won't be reading it (on this metaphysical plane, anyway; does your subs dept. ship to the pearly gates?) I thought it'd be lovely if he could at least be in it and get immortalised in something very important to him that gives us all a lot of happiness. I've attached a picture of Matt with some guy named Yuji Naka.

We love him, and he'll be missed terribly.

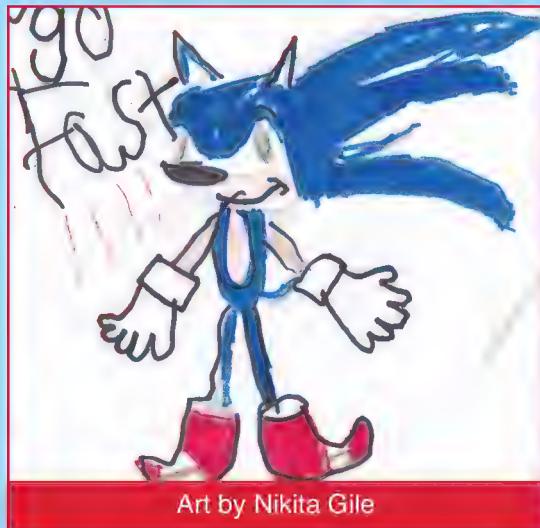


Thank you

Stuart Gipp & the Sonic the Comic Online staff

Hi Stuart,

We're immensely saddened to hear of the loss of Matt. We also feel very honored to help memorialize him in a way that would be so meaningful to the people who love him. It is amazing to see such a wonderful community grow around shared love for Sonic. Truly, thank you for sending this in.

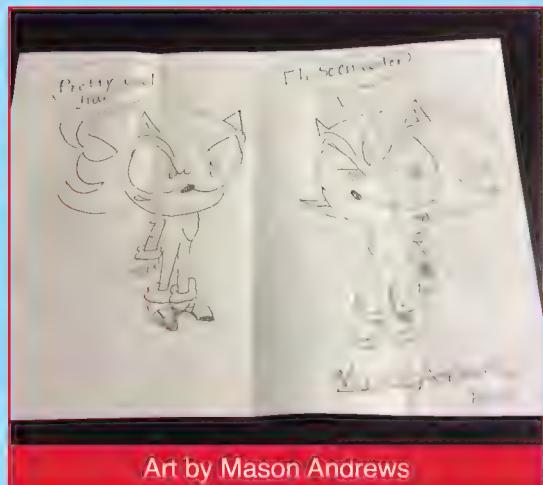


Art by Nikita Gile



Cosplay by Matt Doyle.
Photography by J Dupont Photography

Aww man, Matt! That's so cool! Thank you for sending these in! You're the first Tangle cosplayer we've seen and I certainly hope not the last!



Art by Mason Andrews



Art by AJ Honeycutt

If you'd like your fanart, cosplay pictures, or letters to show up in this very space, send them to letters@idwpublishing.com, include your name, and mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!" Also, don't forget to join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad Facebook Group to see even more amazing art and keep up-to-date with all the latest info on your favorite comic! We'll see you back here with more letters and more fan art next month!

-Joe Hughes and David Mariotte

Dear David and Joe,

I saw your post on the IDW Sonic Facebook page and wanted to send in some photos for consideration for the comic if I could. I'd write a full letter too, but I tend to ramble a fair bit when I do so.

Anyway, as soon as I saw Tangle's design, I knew I wanted to build a cosplay of her. The funny thing was, I normally take three months to build costumes, but was challenged to do this one in three weeks. All things considered, I think it came out pretty well! As a side, I collected the Fleetway Sonic comics in the UK when they were available and did the same with the Archie ones. I've been a big fan of IDW's TMNT and X-Files comics, so I have a lot of faith that the franchise is in safe hands.

Thanks for considering the photos, and I'm looking forward to grabbing the first issue!

Matt Doyle

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YOUR HAT'S ON
BACKWARDS,
DUMMY.

HEY!!!

WATCH
WHERE YOU'RE
GOING!

HEY!!!

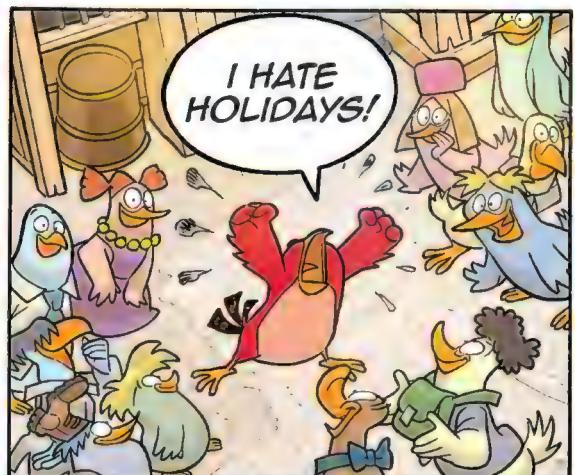
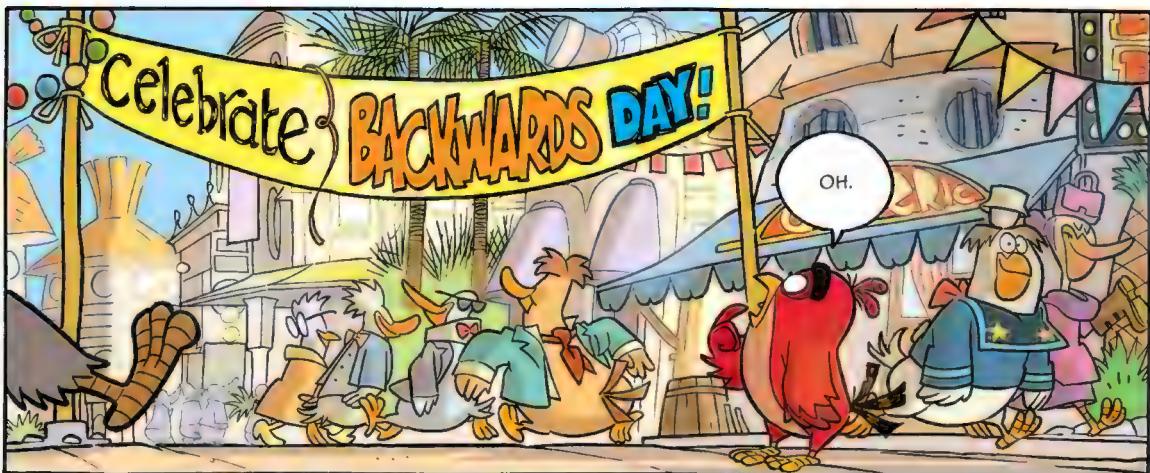
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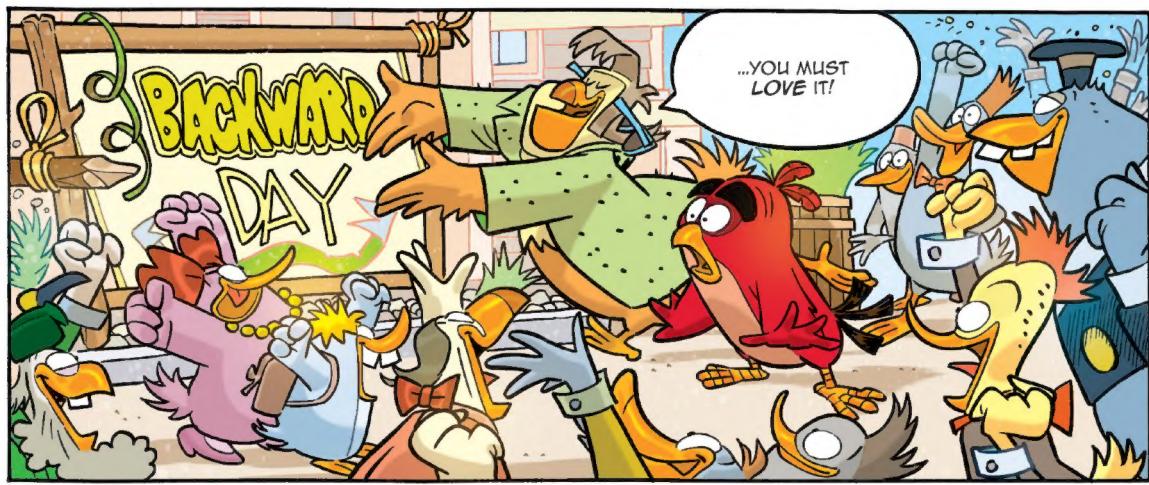
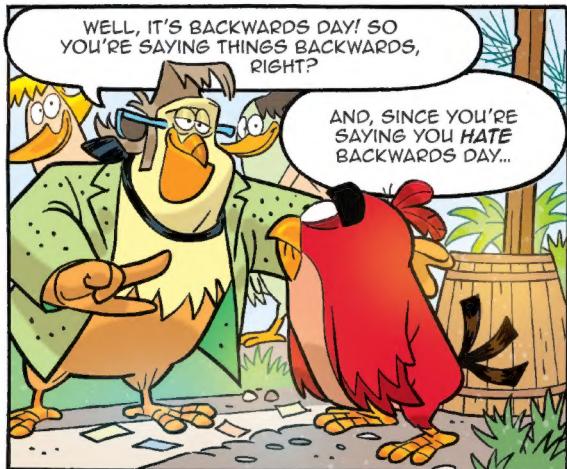
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

HEY BUDDY! HERE!
HAVE A COUPLE
DOLLARS!

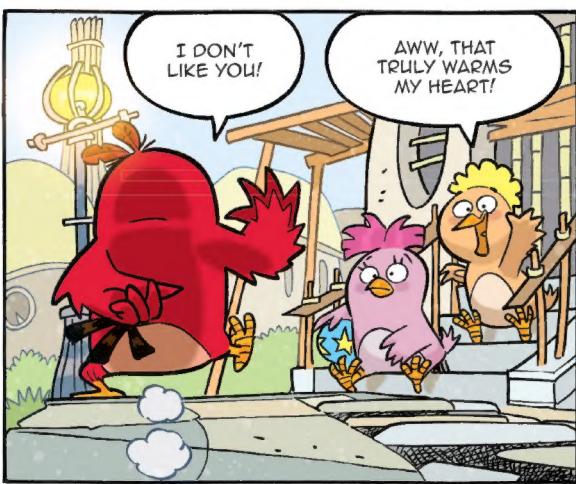
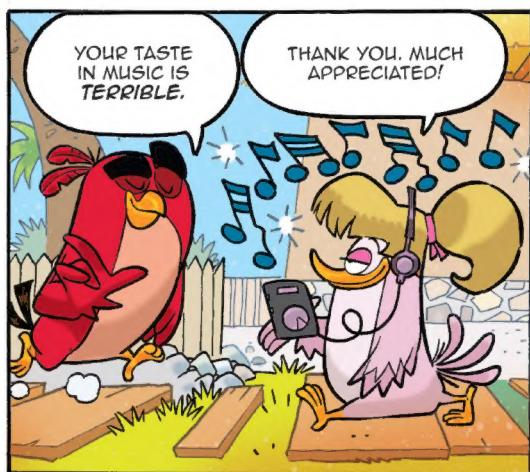
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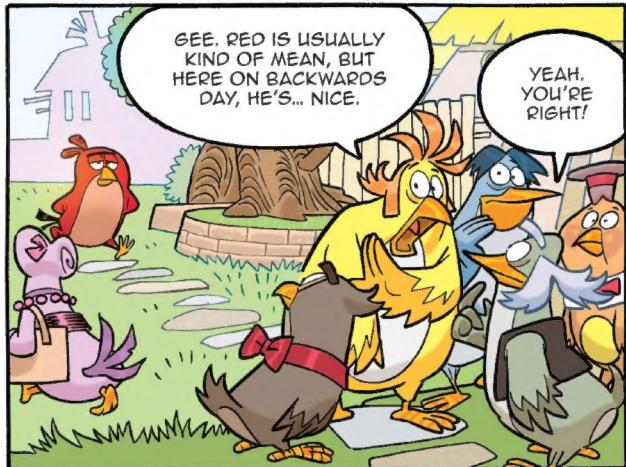
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